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SUBJ: TRIALS FOR HIGH-RANKING UP PERSONALITIES NOT IMMINENT

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1. GOC MININTERIOR BONILLA TOLD PRESS FEB 14 THAT "THERE HAD BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING" AND THAT TRIALS FOR HIGH-RANKING ALLENDE GOVT OFFICIALS IMPRISONED ON DAWSON ISLAND ARE NOT RPT NOT IMMINENT. BONILLA STATED THAT DAWSON ISLAND INMATES MENTIONED IN BRIEF STATEMENT BY CHIEF OF OFFICE OF DETAINEE AFFAIRS ON FEB 12 (REFTEL) ARE NOT UP HIERARCHS BUT RATHER OTHER PRISONERS FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST PROVINCE OF MAGALLANES WHO ALSO DETAINED ON DAWSON ISLAND. (FYI. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE LARGE NUMBER MAGALLANES PROVINCE PRISONERS ALSO IMPRISONED ON DAWSON ISLAND BUT IN FACILITIES SEPARATE FROM THOSE IN WHICH APPROXIMATELY 40 UP BIGWIGS LOCATED). BONILLA ALSO STATED THAT GOVT INVESTIGATING CASES OF UP OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE LEVEL OF GUILT, IF ANY, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES.

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2. COMMENT. AS BONILLA'S BRIEF STATEMENT DID NOT

MENTION QUESTION OF WHICH COURTS (CIVIL OR MILITARY)
WILL HAVE JURISDICTION OVER CASES WHEN ULTIMATELY
BROUGHT TO TRIAL, JURIDICAL ISSUES DISCUSSED IN REFTEL
STILL REMAIN UNRESOLVED AND OF CONTINUING INTEREST.
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